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State closes business for nonpayment of state sales tax

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TOPEKA – Tuesday, The Kansas Department of Revenue civil tax enforcement and the Augusta Police Department seized the business assets of Johnson's Gift & Smoke Shop which owed \$126,748.53 in state sales tax.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory, and personal property assets belonging to owner Julie Johnson. The business located at 217A W 7th Ave., Augusta, Kansas was sealed closed. The assets will be sold at public auction to pay the taxes owed

Warrant execution occurs when all other collection attempts, including multiple letters, telephone calls, letters of impending legal action, tax liens filed with the local district court to secure the debt, previous bank levies and on-site till taps are executed to bring the taxpayer into compliance have been exhausted.

Only after several unsuccessful collection attempts, does the department take the action of seizing assets, which in this instance resulted in the business being closed

The revenue department's standard practice is to continually encourage delinquent taxpayers, who are not lawfully filing or paying taxes such as sales or withholding to voluntarily enter into a repayment agreement.

Tax Warrants:

Retailer's Sales Tax, #16ST53, \$114,159.80

Retailer's Sales Tax, case#16ST189, \$12,588.73